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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC JITTERS AND AIR CAMBODGE

1. THE FORTHCOMING DEPARTURE OF THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY STAFF (NOW RESCHEDULED FOR MARCH 15) IS FAIRLY WELL KNOWN AROUND TOWN NOW. IT HAS MADE MANY OF MY DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE THE TENDENCY OF BEING JITTERY EVEN MORE SO. THE BEST EXAMPLE IS THE PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR, WHO HAD COUNTED ON THE VIETNAMESE FOR EVACUATION IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AND WHO HAS NOW BEEN TOLD THAT THE VIETNAMESE CANNOT LIVE UP TO THEIR COMMITMENT. IN A SEPERATE MESSAGE I AM SUGGESTING THAT WE ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THREE PHILIPPINO DIPLOMATS AS PART OF OUR EVACUATION PLAN, HOPEFULLY THIS WILL STEADY THE GENTLEMAN.

2. ANOTHER FACTOR WHICH IS CONTRIBUTING TO THE MALAISE IS THE FAILURE OF AIR CAMBODGE TO FLY AS SCHEDULED. MOST IF NOT ALL OF THEIR FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED FOR THE LAST FEW DAYS. AT THE LAST MOMENT KHmers and foreigners alike frantically call their friends in the American embassy to ask to be put on the USAID flight to Bangkok or on other aircraft over which we have control to get out of the country. For all practical purposes we, the Americans, are now the only link with the outside world.

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3. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES I CALLED PRIME MINISTER LONG

BORET AT HOME (HE IS SICK TODAY) AND THE DIRECTOR OF CABINET OF THE MARSHAL TO TELL THEM THAT ANYWHERE BETWEEN 30 AND 50 AMERICAN FLIGHTS LAND AND TAKE OFF FROM POCHENTONG AIRPORT DAILY. IF THE AMERICANS CAN TAKE THE RISK IN SUPPORT OF CAMBODIA, THE LEAST THAT THE CAMBODIAN NATIONAL AIRLINE CAN DO IS TO FLY ONCE DAILY OUT OF PHNOM PENH. THIS IN ITSELF WOULD STEADY EMOTIONS HERE, AND THOSE FOREIGNERS AND KHmers WHO HAVE EXIT VISAS COULD THEN LEAVE IN AN ORDERLY MANNER. I HOPE THEY WILL HEED MY ADVICE. IF NOT, I WILL TRY AGAIN TOMORROW TO GET AIR CAMBODGE TO FLY, IF NOT THEIR CARAVELLE, AT LEAST A DC-3 OR DC-4.

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